the work of enforcement agencies and to exchange intelligence on drug trafficking. Government of India has entered into a bilateral agreement with the Government of Myanmar specifically to check narcotics trafficking.

[Translation]

Grant to Voluntary Organisations

3713. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the voluntary organisations working for the protection of environment with the grants of the Government;

(b) the grants provided to various voluntary organisations during the last three years for the purpose; and

(c) the details of the works for which grants had been provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Soyabean Research Centre

3714. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which the National Soyabean Research Centre, Indore was established;

(b) the basic objectives of the centre;

(c) the details of improved varieties developed there so far;

(d) whether its progress is slow in comparison to the expectations;

(e) if so, whether the same is being enquired into; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The National Research Centre on Soyabean under Indian Council of Agricultural Research was established in January, 1987 at Indore (Madhya Pradesh).

(b) The basic objectives of the centre are :

(i) to serve as national repository of soybean germplasm.

(ii) to conduct basic and applied research for development of breeding material and improved soyabean varieties suitable for different agroclimatic regions of the country.

(iii) to develop integrated system for nutrient, water and insect pest/disease management of soybean and to develop appropriate production technology to maximize yield.

(iv) to organize production of nuclelus and breeder seed.

(v) to assist and cooperate with developmental agencies for population new improved varieties and production technology of soyabean.

(c) National Research Centre on Soyabean has developed three improved varieties, namely Ahilya-1, Ahilya-2 and Ahilya-3 which have been released for cultivation in Madhya Pradesh. Ahilya-1 has a yield potential of 25-30 q/ha and matures in about 100 days, and has good germination. Ahilya-2 and Ahilya-3 have yield potential of 30-35 q/ha, resistance to pod-shattering and tolerant to defoliating insects.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Does not arise.

[English]

Loss of Live Stock

3715. SHRI DHARMABIKSHAM : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) the loss of livestock in Andhra Pradesh during the last six months; and

(b) the nature of the assistance sought by the Andhra Pradesh Government and to be given by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) According to the information received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh, 66694 animals were lost in the wake of cyclones and floods during 1996. Besides 5150 animals were died due to animal diseases during April to September, 1996.

(b) Government of Andhra Pradesh have sought Rs. 30.90 crores for relief and rehabilitation measures in the Animal Husbandry Sector. Government of India have already released its entire share of Calamity Relief Fund for 1996-97 of Rs. 93.14 crores. In addition, an amount of Rs. 76.715 crores have been released as ways and means advance in the wake of cyclones of October and November, 1996. These releases are for relief and rehabilitation measures in affected areas including Animal Husbandry Sector.

Besides above, the State Government has sought for Central Assistance of Rs. 21.37 lakhs for control of Animal Diseases during 1996-97. The proposal is under process.